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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :
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FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING :
GAMMA-GLUTAMYL CYSTEINE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

5. (Amended) Yeast extract produced by culturing a strain of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* according to claim 1 in a suitable medium and utilizing the obtained cells.

Please add the following new claims.

7. (New) Yeast extract produced by culturing a strain of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* according to claim 2 in a suitable medium and utilizing the obtained cells.